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**TENNESSEE SPRING STAR PARTY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4-6
AT FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK**

THE FALL CREEK FALLS INN WILL OFFER SPECIAL 'STAR PARTY PACKAGE' FOR PARTICIPANTS

Nashville, Tenn. - Fall Creek Falls State Park, Cumberland Astronomical Society, Vanderbilt University's Dyer Observatory and the Astronomy in the Parks Society announce the Fourth Annual Tennessee Spring Star Party to be held at the park April 4-6. The program is designed to accommodate both beginning stargazers and experienced astronomers.

The Tennessee Spring Star Party begins Friday evening with telescope viewing of the beautiful night sky and continues Saturday with astronomy presentations and discussions. There will be more viewing opportunities Saturday evening. Saturday's events also will include planetarium shows and a special concert.

The Fall Creek Falls Spring Star Party is free and open to the public. It is not necessary to have a telescope to take part.

The Fall Creek Falls Inn will offer special room packages for guests staying at the Inn April 4-6. A two-night stay in a double-occupancy room and breakfast each morning is \$148.00, plus tax and tip. For more information or to make a reservation, call toll free at 1-800-250-8610.

Fall Creek Falls State Park is a 25,000-acre paradise on the western Cumberland Plateau. Located just 40 miles south of Cookeville and 65 miles north of Chattanooga, the park offers incredible scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. Beautiful waterfalls, tremendous canyons and dense forests are protected within the park's boundaries. Visitors will find a 250-site campground, a hotel and conference center and 30 cabins among the parks many amenities. In addition to these features, the visitors to the park will find an expansive nighttime sky – ideal for viewing stars and planets. For more information about the park, visit <http://www.tnstateparks.com/FallCreekFalls>.

The Cumberland Astronomical Society is an amateur astronomy club based in Gallatin. It focuses on bringing astronomy to the general public through events like the Tennessee Spring Star Party. To learn more about the club and Spring Star Party event, visit the organization's Web site at www.cumberlandastronomicalsociety.org. Additional information about the Spring Star Party at the park also is available by calling the Betty Dunn Nature Center at (423) 881-5708.

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